THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Terms of reference of the Anand Ram Committee/Commission

3479. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFAAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the terms of reference of the Anand Ram Committee/Commission appointed after the assassination of Shrimati Indira Gandhi; when it was appointed and whether the terms were later amended, if so, in what way;

(b) by what time it was asked to submit its findings and how many times its term has been extended ;

(c) the expenditure incurred on the Committee/Commission as yet; and

(d) by when it is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A Special Investigation Team headed by Shri S. Anandaram was constituted by the Government on 15-11-1984 to investigate the case relating to the assassination of Smt. Indira Gandhi and any other offences connected therewith. The duties assigned to the Special Investigation Team remained the same throughout.

(b) No time schedule was fixed for the investigation by the Special Investigation Team. The Special Investigation Team was in the first instance appointed upto 28.2.1985. Its term was subsequently extended six times. The present term of the team is to expire on 31-5-1989.

(c) An expenditure of Rs. 150.50 lacs has been incurred on it upto January, 1989.

(d) The Special Investigation Team has completed its investigations.

पंजाब नेशनल बैंक द्वारा बैंक ड्राफ्टों का समाशोधन

3480. **श्री कैलाश पति मिश्र :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) माडल टाउन, दिल्ली स्थित पंजाब नेशनल बैंक की शाखा द्वारा सन् 1985 में 5000 रुपये या इससे अधिक धनराशि के कुल कितने ड्राफ्ट समाशोधन द्वारा भुगतान करने के लिए स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर की दिल्ली शाखा को भेजे गये थे ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इन ड्राफ्टों में से कुछ का भुगतान सही व्यक्तियों की बजाय गलत व्यक्तियों को कर दिया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो दोषी व्यक्तियों/कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध की गई कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ग) पंजाब नेशनल बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि 1985 में उसकी माडल टाउन दिल्ली शाखा द्वारा समाशोधन गृह की मार्फत स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर, चांदनी चौक शाखा, दिल्ली के पांच-पांच हजार रुपये के दो ड्राफ्टों की उगाही की गई थी । यह उगाही विधिवत रूप से परिचय प्राप्त जमा खाता धारी की ओर से की गई थी जिसके पक्ष में ये दोनों ड्राफ्ट पाने वाले पहले व्यक्ति द्वारा पृष्ठांकित किए गए थे । पाने वाले इस पहले व्यक्ति ने इस बात से इन्कार किया कि उसने ड्राफ्ट पृष्ठांकित किए हैं । उस जमा खाताधारी का, जिसने ड्राफ्ट की राशि प्राप्त की थी पता नहीं चला है । पुलिस ने पता नहीं लगा कह कर मामले फोकाइल कर दिया है । स्टेट बैंक आफ

इन्दौर ने जमा खाताधारी, परिचय देने वाले आदि से राशि की वसूली के लिए एक दीवानी मुकदमा दायर किया है।

Election Commission recommendation on electroral reforms

3481. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 104 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th October, 1982 and state:

(a) the outlines of each of the proposals for electoral reforms as recommended by the Election Commission under the following five lists requiring amendments/ changes in the (i) Constitution; (ii) Representationn of People Act, 1950; (iii) Representation of People Act, 1951; (iv) Other Acts; and (v) Executive Instructions;

(b) when, at what level and in what manner each one of the above 91 proposals have been disposed of after the repeatedly promised consultations with political parties on them and which ones still continue to be under consideration even after a lapse of six years; and

(c) which of the accepted ones will be implemented before the next Lok Sabha polls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) The list of the proposals for electoral reforms recommended by the Election Commission in 1982 and categorised under the headings indicated in para (a) of the Question, are contained in the statements laid on the Table of the Sabha in reply to Unstarred Question No. 104 on 4-10-1982.

(b) and (c) Before these 91 proposals could be fully considered and a final decision taken, the General Elections of 1984 intervened. However, Government implemented the following important proposals:—

(i) Ban on Defections—The Constitution (Fifty-second Amendment) Act, 1985 was enacted.

(ii) Permitting Companies to make donations to political parties under certain conditions—The Companies Amendment Act, 1985 was enacted.

(iii) Prevention of miuse of religious premises for political purposes: The Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 was enacted.

(iv) Reduction in voting age—The Constitution (Sixty-second Amendment) Bill was passed by both the Houses in December, 1988.

(v) Various other important proposals, like prevention of booth capturing, definition of political parties and provision for their registration, making the provisions relating to disqualification stiffer, etc., are contained in the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1988.

2. All the sections of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1988, excepting sections 3, 6, 7 and 8, have been brought into force from 15th March, 1989; sections 7 and 8 shall come into force from 1st April, 1989.

3. The process of electoral reforms is a continuous one. It cannot be completed in one go. For the present save for certain consequential amendments to the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950; pursuance to the reduction in voting age and the enrolment of new voters in the age group of 18 to 21, no other reforms are under consideration.

Recommendation of Election Commission

3482. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission had recommended (as part of its pro-